

**Weekly Weather  
Crop Report**

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 14, 2006**. Rains throughout the week have keep farm operators out of their fields. In general, crops are continuing to grow without much problem, but there are concerns in the Delta and northern counties that crops, especially cotton, are not dealing well with the cool, damp weather. Cattle conditions are improving greatly because of the flourishing grass from the recent rains. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 54 percent adequate and 42 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2005	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	100	100	100	100	0	1	14	60	25
	Emerged	99	98	97	97					
Cotton	Planted	73	68	84	82	4	8	26	52	10
	Emerged	65	54	59	63					
Peanuts	Planted	47	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Planted	95	92	97	92	1	2	16	74	7
	Emerged	93	84	84	79					
Sorghum	Planted	97	92	97	91	0	5	6	87	2
	Emerged	95	84	88	80					
Soybeans	Planted	93	91	89	82	0	2	16	65	17
	Emerged	89	83	76	69					
Wheat	Heading	100	99	99	99	1	3	27	54	15
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	46	35	59	63	0	5	42	46	7
Watermelons	Planted	89	78	98	93	0	0	2	64	34
Blueberries						0	1	17	72	10
Cattle						0	6	21	61	12
Pasture						0	3	24	59	14

**County Agent Comments**

“Wet, cool conditions are slowing the growth of all crops. We need some warm, dry weather to clean-up crops and finish planting.”

— Don Respons, Bolivar

“Rain and storms have beaten down crops in many areas this week. Hail damaged a few scattered areas. Cool weather coupled with staying wet for so long has been a detriment to the young cotton seedlings. Ideal planting dates for cotton are fast getting by us too.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“We had some hail damage from the storms Tuesday and Wednesday. It was mostly cosmetic. The cool weather is keeping the cotton from growing. We still have a little to plant but will wait until it warms up.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Recent wet weather has again delayed field activities. Farmers need to get into the fields to continue planting but needed drying time has been absent.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Heavy rains flooded some soybeans and corn causing operators to replant. Horticulture took a hit as result of flooding through greenhouses in the northern part of the county. Cool temps have caused various fungus in the turf..”

— Tim Needham, Tippah

“Field work is at a stand still and it will take 5 to 6 days of dry weather before we can get back in the fields.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Rain delayed all field work last week. We need some good days to complete planting soybeans and cotton.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Rainfall and cool temperatures have delayed planting of cotton and soybeans. Emerged corn and soybeans are developing. Wet conditions has also delayed postemergence herbicide applications.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Wet most of the week. Very little field work took place.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Rain has slowed field work. Some insects have been treated in all crops. Soil moisture situation in the south end of the county is adequate enough for another week of good crop growth.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Corn and soybean fields are looking good in most cases, but cotton is having a tough time with saturated soils and abnormally cool temps for this time of year.”

— E.Flint, Attala

“Continued rains and extremely cool weather have slowed the growth of crops and pastures. Ryegrass hay harvest has been brought to a stand- still because of the constant rainy periods.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Storm fronts last Wednesday delivered needed rain but winds damaged corn. Several fields of 18" corn are lodged but most should recover. Other crops were not damaged. Sweetpotato plantings will begin as soon as fields dry some.”

— Dr. Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Approximately 3-4 inches of rainfall received in most parts of the county. This should give us a real boost for crop development, however it did slow the completion of planting.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Rains last week have halted almost all field activities. Hopefully some sunny days are ahead. We are close to the completion of the Soybean and Cotton planting activities. The rain was needed for the crops already planted. They look great. WE DO NEED SOME SUNSHINE!! and we do need to dry out a bit!!”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Rains have really brought out pastures and field crops. Cotton and peanuts are up to a stand in many fields. The body condition of cattle is improving greatly by the benefit of spring grasses. Pines are showing good growth. There is an expectaton of beetle activity this summer on damaged pines.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“Rain stopped most field operations. No additional hay was cut last week due to the threat of rain. Some ryegrass hay will be overly mature before it is harvested. This is the case in most good years but this year will be exceptionally so. Corn continues to respond to moisture and warmer temperatures.”

— Victor Lee, Newton

“Crops are showing marked improvement from the recent rainfall. Beef cattle are beginning to show improvement from better grazing.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

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Weather Summary from May 8, 2006 to May 14, 2006 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Cleveland	85	54	67	70	-3	4.66	+3.54	2	8.40				
Lambert	82	49	67			2.29	+0.96	3	7.02				
Tunica	81	53	66	69	-3	2.80	+1.47	4	9.34				
Extreme/Average	85	49	67	70	-3	3.25	+1.99	3	8.25				
2. North-Central													
Calhoun City	81	47	64	68	-4	3.46	+2.20	4	5.77				
HickoryFlat	82	44	62	67	-5	2.32	+1.06	2	7.86				
Independence	80	47	63	67	-4	2.34	+1.10	4	8.12				
Oxford	83	45	64	67	-3	2.00	+0.69	4	5.79				
Extreme/Average	83	44	63	68	-5	2.53	+1.27	4	6.89				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	84	45	64	67	-3	1.67	+0.21	4	4.56				
Iuka	80	39	59	64	-5	1.40	-0.05	3	4.21				
Ripley	81	43	62	66	-4	2.24	+0.98	3	6.05				
Tupelo	83	50	65			1.98		3	4.85				
Verona	83	51	65	68	-3	3.43	+2.33	4	7.09				
Extreme/Average	84	39	63	68	-5	2.14	+0.80	3	5.35				
4. LowerDelta													
Moorhead	83	53	68	71	-3	2.12	+0.88	4	4.59				
Rolling Fork	87	50	68	71	-3	0.21	-1.00	2	2.59				
Stoneville	85	52	69	71	-2	1.51	+0.28	2	6.87				
YazooCity	83	51	65	71	-6	0.72	-0.61	2	3.77				
Extreme/Average	87	50	67	71	-4	1.14	-0.18	3	4.68				
5. Central													
Canton	83	47	66	71	-5	0.91	-0.46	2	3.50				
Carthage	80	47	65	69	-4	2.34	+1.04	2	5.89				
Eupora	83	45	64	68	-4	2.54	+1.35	3	4.11				
Lexington	83	46	65	68	-3	1.56	+0.37	3	3.70				
Extreme/Average	83	45	65	69	-4	1.84	+0.60	3					
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	81	50	65	68	-3	1.65	+0.39	3	3.45				
Houston	81	44	63	67	-4	2.60	+1.34	4	5.93				
Philadelphia				69		3.02	+1.79	3	8.82				
StateUniversity	84	53	66	69	-3	2.06	+0.92	4	4.13				
Extreme/Average	84	44	65	69	-4	2.33	+1.14	4	4.69				
7. Southwest													
CrystalSprings	86	49	68	71	-3	1.00	-0.09	2	6.14				
Natchez	87	50	71	72	-1	0.18	-1.08	3	4.47				
Oakley				70		1.25	+0.16	1	5.47				
Vicksburg	86	55	70			1.68		2	9.03				
Extreme/Average	87	49	70	71	-1	1.03	-0.23	2	5.31				
8. South-Central													
Collins	87	49	69	70	-1	1.50	+0.11	2	5.75				
Columbia	88	54	72	72	0	1.23	-0.04	4	4.13				
Tylertown	89	48	70	72	-2	0.51	-0.82	2	4.80				
Extreme/Average	89	48	70	71	-1	1.08	-0.24	3	4.94				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	89	52	71	72	-1	0.81	-0.44	3	3.95				
Laurel	88	51	70	70	0	3.19	+1.93	4	7.54				
Newton	82	47	67	69	-2	3.60	+2.62	3	8.81				
Extreme/Average	89	47	69	71	-2	2.53	+1.39	3	7.54				
10. Coastal													
Gulfport	83	56	74	74	0	0.24	-1.09	2	3.71				
Pascagoula3NE				71		0.83	-0.52	2	3.86				
Picayune				72		0.30	-0.89	1	0.30				
Extreme/Average	83	56	74	73	+1	0.46	-0.87	2					
State	89	39	67	70	-3	1.82	+0.57	3	5.91				

DFN = Departure from Normal.